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In response to the Office Action of January 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Attachment** including re-submitted corrected drawing of Figure 2 (annotated sheet and replacement sheet) is attached following page 17 of this paper.

An Attachment including (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,103,206; (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,844,837; (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,682,711; (4) article entitled "The Lost Cabin Gas Plant Expansion – a Unique Challenge"; and (5) article entitled "1993 NPRA Question and Answer Session on Refining and Petrochemical Technology" are attached following page 17 of this paper.

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